

FOOTPRINTS FROM THE PAST TOUR

Southern New Hampshire

Best Time to Visit: Spring through Fall

New Hampshire, being #9 out of the 13 original colonies, has experienced first-hand many pivotal moments in history including the first aggressive act of the Revolutionary War, the destination for Paul Revere on his famous ride, Native American tribes, enslaved African Americans, global power in textile and trade, famous politicians and authors, and more. New Hampshire's rich history and deeply engrained Yankee culture makes for an exciting educational journey.

Day 1

- Begin your tour in Portsmouth, an active and thriving seaside community with fishing, shipping, and trade and also where Paul Revere was riding to warn that the British were coming. Downtown Portsmouth is buzzing with energy filled with museums, theatres, boutique shops, and some of the best food around.
- Walk back in time through a historic village with four centuries of preserved history at [Strawbery Banke \(1\)](#) where actors remain in character for the era they represent.
- Head a few minutes down the road to New Castle, a town that is its own island, to tour [Fort Constitution \(2\)](#) and the [Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse \(3\)](#). This is the site of the first aggressive act of the Revolutionary War.
- Pull Portsmouth together with an early evening walking tour through the Greater Portsmouth Chamber's Visitor Center they'll captivate you with tales of ghosts and maritime folklore and a journey to the enslaved American memorial site.
- In the evening, catch a live show at the [Music Hall Theatre \(4\)](#), listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Groups can enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour.

Day 2

- Wake up in the morning and learn to set the sail of a [Gundalow Cruise \(5\)](#), learn to navigate, troll for plankton, or learn about the human impact on marine ecosystems and water quality on this exact replica of a flat bottom barge ship from the 1700's.
- After lunch, head to Exeter for the [American Independence Museum \(6\)](#) to see two rare drafts of the U.S. Constitution. Exeter was the site of a famous and gory Native American attack.
- Take a peek inside [Philips Exeter Academy's Library \(7\)](#) which was designed by famous architect Louis I. Kahn. Philips Exeter famous alumni began in the 1700's and now includes names such as Mark Zuckerberg, Gore Vidal, John Irving, and Dan Brown.
- Continue west to overnight in Manchester, a city that was once the textile capital of the world. It is now a cultural, urban hub in New England known for its signature beautiful brick structures that line the Merrimack River.



Image Courtesy: Music Hall Theatre



Image Courtesy: Gundalow Cruiser



Image Courtesy: American Independence Museum

FOOTPRINTS FROM THE PAST TOUR

Southern New Hampshire

Best Time to Visit: *Spring through Fall*

Day 3

- Tour the Millyard including a visit to the [SEE Science Center \(8\)](#) with interactive exhibits and a scaled Lego display of the city of Manchester.
- Have lunch at the [Currier Museum of Art's Winter Garden Café \(9\)](#). After lunch, the group will split into two where half will tour their priceless collection and the other half will tour the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Zimmerman House offsite before swapping.
- After, head up the road to check out the [New Hampshire State House \(10\)](#) in Concord, the only state house in the country that still uses its original chambers.
- Work your way to Newbury for an overnight near Mount Sunapee but stopping along the way at the [Mount Kearsarge Indian Museum \(11\)](#) for a guided walk through Medicine Woods Nature Trail.

Day 4

- Wake up fast with eight of [Mount Sunapee's \(12\)](#) 1000' dual ziplines or test your balance with their Aerial Challenge Course.
- Work your way to the Connecticut River Byway part of New Hampshire where you will find [Saint Gaudens's \(13\)](#), named for its former resident Irish born Augustus Saint Gaudens the world famous sculptor of the Beaux-Arts generation. This property is stunning and filled with trails, gardens, sculptures, working artists, and galleries.
- Loop down to [Fort #4 \(14\)](#), once the northwestern-most village within the British colonies where colonists once interacted with the Abenaki tribes.



LIVE FREE and
experience

FOOTPRINTS FROM THE PAST TOUR

Southern New Hampshire Itinerary Map

